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## AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES CLOSURE ORDER Sand Hollow Reservoir May 22, 2010

On May 21, 2010, the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources discovered, what is believed to be, an adult *Dreissena* mussel in Sand Hollow Reservoir, Washington County, Utah. Based on the morphological characteristic of the mussel, the Division suspects that *Dreissena* mussels inhabit the reservoir. Accordingly, the Director of the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources in concurrence with the Executive Director of the Utah Department of Natural Resources issues the following order:

It is hereby ordered under authority of Utah Code § 23-27-303 and Utah Admin. Code R657-60-8 that all conveyances and equipment that have been in or on the water at Sand Hollow Reservoir, including those in the past 30 days, are subject to the provisions in Utah Code § 23-27-201. This means any boat, vessel, personal watercraft, motor vehicle, trailer, or other article capable of carrying or containing a *Dreissena* mussel or water that exits Sand Hollow Reservoir or has been in or on the reservoir in the past 30 days must comply with decontamination requirements before transporting the conveyance or equipment or entering any other water body in the State of Utah. Nevertheless, decontamination is not required when a conveyance or equipment is removed from Sand Hollow Reservoir and subsequently reenters the reservoir, provided the conveyance or equipment is inspected, drained, and cleaned as required in Utah Admin. Code R657-60-5 and is not placed in or on any other water body in the interim without first being decontaminated.

Restrictions on transporting or launching conveyances or equipment that have been in Sand Hollow Reservoir may also be imposed in other states. It is advised to contact state authorities for further information before transporting a conveyance or equipment in that jurisdiction.

Decontamination can be completed in one of two ways:

Professional decontamination by using a professional decontamination service approved by the division to apply scalding water (140 degrees Fahrenheit) to completely wash the equipment or conveyance and flush any areas where water is held, including ballast tanks, bilges, livewells, and motors; or

Self-decontamination by: 1) removing all plants, fish, mussels and mud from the conveyance or equipment; 2) draining all water from the equipment or conveyance, including water held in ballast tanks, bilges, livewells, and motors; and 3) drying the equipment or conveyance for no less than 7 days in June, July and August; 18 days in September, October, November, March, April and May; 30 days in December, January and February; or expose the equipment or conveyance to sub-freezing temperatures for 72 consecutive hours.

This order is necessary to prevent and control the spread of aquatic invasive species within the State of Utah, and it will remain in effect until the Division determines that *Dreissena* mussels do not inhabit the reservoir or the reservoir is designated an infested water under Utah Administrative Code R657-60-7. Updated information on the status of this order and suspected presence of *Dreissena* mussels in Sand Hollow Reservoir is available online at [www.wildlife.utah.gov/mussels](http://www.wildlife.utah.gov/mussels).

Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2010.

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